

# ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS

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November 30, 2018

Jenine Dunn, Board of Directors President  
Community Action Organization of Western New York  
45 Jewett Avenue, Suite 150  
Buffalo, New York 14214

Dear Ms. Dunn:

I am writing to formally express my interest in being appointed to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Organization of Western New York ("CAO"). Please find attached my resume for your consideration.

As an Erie County Legislator representing the Legislative District 1, which is contained exclusively in the City of Buffalo and serving its residents, I believe I have a unique background and experience to serve on the CAO Board and to contribute to your mission. I have previously served on the CAO Board and would be honored by the opportunity to do so again.

I would like to be considered for, in order of preference, election to the CAO Board as an elected official and I intend to serve on the Board in my own capacity until such time as I would later designate a representative, or as a private sector or community member based on my former affiliations with the US Army and the Buffalo Police Department, as well as a low income member based on my election in a democratic process that insures I am representative of low income individuals and families in Legislative District 1.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller-Williams  
Erie County Legislator, District 1

cc: **Nathan Hare**, Chief Executive Officer, CAO of Western New York  
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## **Barbara Miller-Williams**

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Barbara Miller-Williams currently serves as the 1st District Erie County Legislator. She was the first African American Woman to serve as Chairperson of the Erie County Legislature. She is currently the Chair of the Finance and Management Committee and assigned to the following committees: Community Enrichment, Government Affairs, Health and Human Services and The Minority and Women Business Enterprise Committee. She is a former Ellicott District Councilmember and continues to serve as an advocate with a passionate voice for the revival of Buffalo.

Legislator Miller-Williams is honored to have served our Country as a Master Sergeant/Equal Opportunity Advisor in the United States Army Reserve where she retired in 2016. She is also a former Buffalo Police Officer (Retired) serving the Community for over 29 years.

Ms. Miller-Williams holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Masters of Science Degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration. She credits her time at Bryant & Stratton for advancing her knowledge with skills of organizational leadership, managing people and strategic planning. From critical thinking and problem solving skills, to communication and negotiation skills, she feels that the training received gave her a valuable skill set that can be used anywhere, in any capacity. She is a graduate of Leadership Buffalo Class of 1995 and 1997 and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, Harriet Tubman 300's, Inc., Judges and Police Conference of WNY, Afro-American Police Association, N.A.A.C.P., Buffalo Urban League, and the Coppertown Block Club. She is appointed to the Buffalo Place Board of Directors and the Albright Knox Art Gallery Board of Directors. She continues to progressively serve her community and is active in the religious, educational and civic communities.

She has been noted for her Leadership and Community Achievement as the recipient of numerous Service Awards. Ms. Miller-Williams was recently selected to receive the New York State Association of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators Arthur O. Eve Service Award, Black Achievers in Industry Award, Women for Effective Change Golden Flame Award, Los Tainos Ana Cotton Award, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Service Award, True Bethel Invisible Soldier Award, Afro-American Police Community Trail Blazer Award, Uncrowned Queen Award and the WBLK/93.7 Radio Professional of the Month Award.

A lifelong resident of Buffalo, Ms. Miller-Williams is family oriented and remains dedicated to helping to move our community forward and advocate for a better future for all children and families throughout Erie County.